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Applicants : METZGER
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For : METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION OF MIRTAZAPINE
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Examiner : E. Bernhardt

Response to Final Office Action Under 35 USC 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments and remarks made herein put the claims in condition for allowance or at least in better condition for appeal. No fee is believed due.